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Sarah with husband Cian, daughter Lydia, and son Samuel.

New vicar hopes for inclusive church

THE first female vicar at a West Lancashire parish says she hopes to lead an inclusive church for the whole community.

Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue, has previously worked as curate at Christ Church, Aughton.

Rev O'Donoghue said: "I feel very blessed to be the first female to be curate and appointed vicar Of Christ Church. Many people view the church as outdated with no relevance to their lives. I aim to be more inclusive and ensure we offer events that support people's lives.

"It would be wonderful if the church could be the centre of the community once again. A place where people of faith and no faith can meet to and find a place of belonging."

COCKROACH BLIGHT AT SWIMMING POOL

Leisure centre firm vows urgent action to deal with repeated infestation of pests

Report by **Kenny Parker**

BOSSES at the council owned Park Pool leisure facility in Ormskirk say they are taking urgent action to cope with repeated infestations of cockroaches.

The leisure facility, which is managed by West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust, and includes a swimming pool and gym, is to be sprayed with insecticide for the third time in four weeks.

It follows reports from users who had seen cockroaches in various parts of the building.

One pool user stated on social media that they had visited Park Pool recently, and were shocked to see a large number of cockroaches in the facility.

The pests were seen around the viewing area, vending machines, changing rooms and toilet areas.

The pool user told the Champion: "I have seen them on a few other occasions but never as many as recently."

The report was backed up by other pool users.

One said they reported to a staff member that they had seen a cockroach in the gym while their daughter had seen a cockroach floating while doing her swimming lesson, adding that this was 'disgusting!'

Park Pool in Ormskirk.

The British Pest Control Association, advises that to protect against infestation areas must be kept clean as cockroaches will feed on "almost anything."

They add that control of cockroaches is "seldom easy."

West Lancashire Council announced earlier in the year, that it would be investing in structural repair work at Park Pool and Nye Bevan Sports Centre, in Skelmersdale, while they consider plans to create new leisure facilities.

Mark Snaylam, contract manager for West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust says they are taking urgent action to address the infestation.

He said: "We would like to reassure all customers that we are doing everything in our power to control this situation at Park Pool.

"Our premises were sprayed by a professional pest controller two weeks ago, then re-sprayed on April 11.

"We generally operate using a 14-week spray cycle, but to address this issue we have now had two treatments carried out in the past 14 days, with another spray scheduled in another two weeks' time."

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Full line-up of candidates standing in the borough council elections on May 2

VOTERS in West Lancashire go to the polls in the borough council elections on Thursday, May 2 with seats in all 18 wards up for grabs.

The authority is currently made up of 33 Labour councillors, 19 Conservative councillors and two Our West Lancashire councillors.

The full list of candidates in the 18 wards is as follows:

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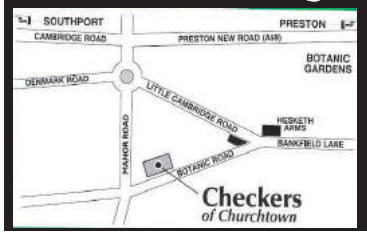

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Diabetic patient claims care is being 'rationed' after treatment refused

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancs pensioner with diabetes has accused Virgin Care of 'rationing' care after he was refused treatment by its podiatry service.

James Abram, from Appley Bridge, says he has also had to wait more than seven months to be seen, after being referred by his doctor, due to not receiving an appointment letter which led to him being struck off the register.

The 69-year-old says he was diagnosed with diabetes in 2000 following which he received podiatry care at Burscough Health Care without any problems at all.

However, he says Virgin Care, which was awarded the contract to provide the podiatry services in 2017 as part of West Lancashire Community Services, informed him last year that as he was 'low-risk' he would have to pay if he wanted to continue with the treatment.

When he was referred back to the service by his doctor last September he says he heard nothing until receiving a letter informing him that he had missed an appointment and been struck off the register.

He was referred by his GP again last month but has still not received an appointment.

Mr Abram said that he has been told by a nurse at his GP practice in Parbold that he needs to see the podiatrist because he has callouses on his feet which could become infected if the skin breaks.

He says: "I am a type 2 diabetic and for the last few years have had difficulty gaining access to regular foot checks since Southport and Ormskirk NHS trust outsourced the podiatry service to Virgin Care.

James Abram at his home.

"I was told I was a low-risk diabetic and I would have to pay for treatment by Burscough Health Centre.

"They also told me I could get a referral from my doctor, which I did last September. But although they say they sent out an appointment I never received it and they removed me from the system.

"I was referred by my GP again on March 8 and have written to Virgin Care but heard nothing. This seems like rationing of care to people who have diabetes."

A spokesperson for Virgin Care said: "Not everyone who has diabetes is at high risk of developing a foot condition and so when a patient is first referred to us with diabetes a qualified clinician will complete a full review and will make an independent clinical assessment of the risk.

"If someone is judged to be at a lower risk, they will talk to the patient about signs to watch out for and what to do if they believe their risk has increased.

"We are currently responding to routine podiatry referrals within 12 weeks of receiving them, in line with the CCG's service specification, and we would always respond to every referral we receive."

Amber, Harrison and Harley from Mystic Base

Young band to sing their hearts out for hospital fundraiser

A YOUNG band from West Lancs will hold a fundraising concert for Alder Hey Children's Hospital and to raise awareness of down syndrome.

Mystic Base is made up Amber, 12, from Aughton, on vocals, Harrison, 11, also from Aughton, on piano, and Harley, 9, from Burscough, on drums, all members of Adam Christopher School of Musical Excellence (ACSME) in Burscough.

The group are playing at Maghull Town Hall on Friday April 26 to raise as much money as they can for the cardiac ward at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Amber's mum, Sheryl Hunter says that the young musician were inspired to fundraise for the hospital after seeing how it cared for her friend's two-year-old daughter Amelia Thompson, who comes from Oswestry, Shropshire, and who was born with down syndrome and chronic heart disease.

Sheryl added: "They have also decided as well as raising money for the ward they also wanted to raise awareness about the beautiful people that are born with down syndrome."

The band had initially intended to raise £250 but boosted their target to £1,000 after making a visit to the hospital where they were given a guided tour.

Also performing at the Maghull event, called A Night For Amelia, will be several other music students and a choir from ACSME. Along with the music there will also be a raffle of prizes donated from local businesses.

Anyone who wants to donate, visit www.justgiving.com and search Mystic Base .

Tickets for the Maghull event are £2 but are limited. Email theband20191@outlook.com to enquire about tickets or to donate.

Car owner injured trying to stop vehicle thieves

POLICE are appealing for information following an incident in which the owner of a car was injured while trying to stop robbers making off with his vehicle.

Officers at Ormskirk and Burscough Police were alerted at about 5.45am on Saturday, April 13 to the theft of a grey Land Rover Defender from the driveway of an address in the Bescar Brow Lane area of Scarisbrick.

The vehicle, registration WF12UDV, is described as having a distinctive large roof rack and rear ladders.

During the theft, the owner challenged the offenders and made an unsuccessful attempt to prevent their escape, suffering injuries in the process.

A post on social media by Ormskirk and Burscough Police read: "Thankfully, his injuries are not serious. The offenders are described as two men in dark clothing, both with Liverpool accents.

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West Lancs is named as housing 'hotspot' for 18 to 34-year-olds

Property company survey finds borough is fifth in list of locations experiencing greatest influx of young adults

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire has been named the UK's fifth best housing 'hotspot' for 18 to 34-year-olds in a national survey.

The research, conducted by regulated property buying company, Good Move, used data from the Office for National Statistics to reveal the locations which are experiencing the greatest influx of young adults.

West Lancashire came fifth, with 18 to 34-year-olds representing 21.60% of the borough's population - a 2.04% increase from 2012.

Good Move said its popularity can be attributed to its low average house price of around £184,000 and average monthly rental prices of £580. The survey also found West Lancs has good broadband speeds and 4G coverage making it an attractive option for young professionals.

A low unemployment rate in the borough of 4.7% was also said to add to its appeal, although this is slightly higher than the national average of 3.93%.

The findings have been visualised in Good Move's online, interactive tool First Home Hot Spots, which helps young people and first-time buyers see the locations which are growing in popularity with their generation.

This shows where populations of 18 to 34-year-olds are increasing, alongside other useful statistics, such as average house prices, the number of jobs available and average salary. The research also gives an indication of where these 18 to 34-year-olds are moving from, by identifying the locations which are seeing a decrease in their young population.

West Lancashire rated the UK's fifth best housing 'hotspot' for 18-34-year-olds in property company survey.

London is losing its young adults at the greatest rate. Out of the top 10 local authorities which are seeing their percentage of 18 to 34-year-olds decline the most, nine are boroughs in the capital and the other (Slough) is just 20 miles away.

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Nursing home placed in special measures after damning report

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NURSING home in Aughton has been put in special measures and warned it risks being closed down after the Care Quality Commission (CQC) found a raft of failures.

Silver Birch Lodge, on Bold Lane, provides accommodation for up to 31 older people, who require help with personal or nursing care needs.

It was rated Requires Improvement across all domains by CQC inspectors in October of last year which resulted in warning notices being given.

During a visit in February, when there was 21 people living at the service, inspectors found some areas of care had deteriorated even further and it was rated Inadequate.

Among a catalogue of failures, the CQC's inspectors' report said: "The provider failed to ensure individual risks for people who lived at the service had been assessed and this placed them at significant risk of avoidable harm.

"Medicines were not managed safely and people did not always receive their medicines as prescribed. People were not always risk assessed in relation to falls and weight loss this meant they were at risk of serious harm.

Silver Birch Lodge in Aughton.

"The provider had not ensured equipment such as bed rails were routinely checked for mechanical safety or that decisions made to use restrictive equipment were in line with people's wishes or best interests.

"We found the provider had not acted upon actions specified in a fire safety inspection report and therefore placed people at risk of avoidable harm in the case of fire.

"Staff were not always safely recruited. The provider did not always make sure checks were done in relation to suitability to work with vulnerable adults."

Among other failures recorded included that the care home did not ensure staff had up to date training to be able to provide safe and effective care, and the management and oversight of the service was poor.

Positive observations were that the service was clean, people were protected by the prevention and control of infection, and suitable numbers of staff deployed across the service.

The inspectors concluded, however, that the service would be placed in special measures.

The report said: "Where necessary, another inspection will be conducted within a further six months, and if there is not enough improvement we will take action to prevent the provider from operating this service.

"This will lead to cancelling their registration or to varying the terms of their registration."

Silver Birch Lodge declined to comment on the report.

MP defends Brexit voting record

ROSIE Cooper has defended her voting record on Brexit in Parliament in the face of criticism by constituents on both sides of the leave or remain debate.

During the ongoing chaos over when or even if the UK will leave the European Union the Champion has received a number of letters on the MP's Brexit position.

And while some of those in the borough among the majority 55.3% who voted to leave, have accused the MP of going against the wishes of the people; others who favour remaining have criticised her decision not to back a second referendum on the subject.

However, Ms Cooper, who defied the Labour leadership and voted for the Prime Minister's withdrawal agreement at the third time of asking, claims she is committed to delivering the referendum wishes of the people of West Lancs.

The MP told the Champion: "Although a remainer, my position on Brexit has been consistent and remains unchanged. Quite simply the will of the people and the outcome of the referendum should be respected. In West Lancashire a majority of people, 55%, voted to leave the EU.

"My vote for the legally-binding Withdrawal Agreement (divorce settlement) was me honouring that commitment. It confirmed we would leave, that the EU would agree an extension until May 22 and that the UK would not need to participate in European elections.

"We now face the very real danger of a very long delay.

"The other part of the deal, the Political Declaration (which has no legal force) is a discussion document covering the future relationship - trade, customs, financial services and more. An improved version with legal commitments on workers' rights and environmental standards was put forward on March 12.

"Throughout this process I've hoped for a better deal but also believe that a No Deal Brexit should be avoided at all costs.

"Nor do I believe another referendum should be held as the people have already spoken when they cast their vote in the 2016 referendum."

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Petition against plans to demolish former cinema

Developer wants to replace building with student apartments and retail complex

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The former Regal cinema and (right) the proposed student accomodation

A PETITION has been launched against plans to demolish the former Regal Cinema in Ormskirk and replace it with a retail and student accommodation complex.

The former cinema, which has housed Poundstretcher since 2015, was built in the art deco style and occupied by Regal from 1936 until 1963 when it was used temporarily as a bingo hall before being taken over by Tesco in 1965.

The plans submitted to West Lancs council say that the current building now "impacts negatively" on the Conservation Area and could be pulled down.

A letter written to the Champion by a local resident claims that "with care, creativity and vision, these buildings and the area could be revitalised" and that a petition has been set up at Dempsey's Cafe on Burscough Street, to oppose the development.

"Many objections to these plans have been sent in to the council planning department and they should be taken notice of," the letter writer said, "They are from people who live and work in this town who care and are despairing at what is happening – people who do not want to lose these art deco buildings.

"Who will benefit from this development? Re-think these plans and utilise these buildings for all to enjoy. There is already a large student block near to completion yards away from this site. How can another huge block in this conservation area be justified?"

Jo Dempsey of Dempsey's cafe, added: "I feel that notable period buildings in Ormskirk should be repurposed not knocked down. Ormskirk could have given Chester a run for its money if so many old buildings hadn't been pulled down.

"I am fourth generation born and brought up in Ormskirk and call to save the historic centre of this old market town."

An assessment submitted to West Lancs council's planners by Historic England does not support preserving the former cinema, however.

The Government agency, which is tasked with protecting the historical environment of England, has rejected an application for the building to be listed. The reasons for the rejection are that it "does not merit listing" for architectural reasons, as the building does not display sufficient design quality or detailing to be of interest in a national context.

Also, Historic England says the original interior is almost completely lost along with the front canopy, through alterations.

The planning application to West Lancs council is to demolish the former cinema and its neighbouring property and build a new retail and student accommodation complex.

The proposal for the site is for a four or five-storey development housing a single 17,500 square feet retail unit and accommodation for 93 students.

Owner and developer Luis Stockton said when the plans were revealed that he will try his best to attract a national retailer to draw more shoppers to the area.

"If I can't get one national retailer I can split the retail up accordingly if need be into smaller units but obviously I would be made up to get someone in there like Next or someone like that," he said,"That kind of development would completely transform that end of town which at the minute is labelled as having a negative impact on the conservation area."

He also said that there wasn't enough good student accommodation in Ormskirk.

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Liverpool fans created a mural before their match against Chelsea on Sunday at Anfield

Hillsborough victims are remembered on 30th anniversary of tragedy

WEST Lancashire marked the 30th anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster on Monday, April 15.

A minute's silence was observed at 3.06pm, which was the time the 1989 FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest was stopped.

Locals remembered the 96 Liverpool fans who were killed on the day and a lantern for each life lost was lit on the steps of St George's Hall in tribute to those who died.

Liverpool Football Club's first team squad paid its respects at the Hillsborough memorial at Anfield stadium by placing a wreath.

A memorial service was held at Liverpool Cathedral, while The Kop stand at Anfield was open in the afternoon for people who wanted to sit and reflect.

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Health treatment options over Easter

WITH Easter just around the corner health professionals at the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group are reminding people to examine their options should they or their family members become unwell over the long weekend.

Those who have repeat prescriptions due are advised to organise their medication in time before the Bank Holiday weekend begins.

Over the Easter weekend you can see a GP at Sandy Lane Health Centre, Skelmersdale, Burscough Health Centre and Ormskirk Medical Centre. Each of the clinics will be open from 10am to 1pm. This is a pre-booked service. To book an appointment to see a GP at the above clinics simply call your GP practice as normal.

GP Out of Hours Service

You can see a GP with the out-of-hours service. Just call 111 and you can speak to a local GP over the phone or face-to-face if necessary.

Walk-in centres

West Lancashire has two walk-in centres for minor injuries and minor ailments. The West Lancashire Urgent Care Centre, based at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road and the Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre at The Concourse are both open seven days a week, from 8am to 8pm, including over the Easter weekend.

To access help, visit the respective centre and speak to the receptionist. Patients can book on-the-day appointments at the Ormskirk centre by calling NHS 111.

Dr John Caine.

Pharmacy Services

Your local pharmacy can offer free, confidential and expert advice on a range of health issues. Local pharmacy opening times over Easter are as follows:

Good Friday: Morrison Supermarket, Ormskirk, (10am to 4pm); Boots, Moor Street, Ormskirk, (8.30am to 5.30pm);Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale, (9am to 6pm); Boots Pharmacy, The Concourse, Skelmersdale, (10am to 4pm); O'Briens Pharmacy, Liverpool Road North, Burscough (10am to 1pm).

Easter Sunday: Aspire Pharmacy, Railway Road, Ormskirk, (10am to 4pm); Banks Pharmacy, Church Road, Banks, (10am to 1pm); Rowlands Pharmacy, Skelmersdale, (10am to 4pm); O'Briens Pharmacy, Liverpool Road North, Burscough (12 to 3pm)

Easter Monday: Morrison Supermarket, Ormskirk, (10am to 4pm); Boots, Moor Street, Ormskirk, (8.30am to 5.30pm); Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale, (9am to 6pm).

Other services available are NHS.UK and NHS 111.

NHS. UK, at www.nhs.uk, is an online database of advice about hundreds of health conditions and details of GPs and pharmacies in your local area. This website also includes a handy symptom checker.

NHS 111 is a telephone service available by dialling 111 for when you need medical help or advice fast, but it's not a 999 emergency,

Dental

For emergency treatment when your dentist is closed, call 0300 1234 010.

Dr John Caine, chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "Over the Easter period, it is really important we all know where to go if we or a loved one falls ill.

"If you have a repeat prescription ensure you don't leave it too late to get the medicine you need. And for anything non-urgent, such as minor illnesses, coughs and colds, scrapes or sprains, you can visit your local pharmacist in the first instance, who will be able to assist. It's important we keep GP appointments free for more urgent medical needs."

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Pioneering nursing students nominated for national awards

THREE Edge Hill Univesity nursing students have been recognised for their pioneering work by receiving two national award nominations.

Alice Waddington, Emily Kavanagh and Eve Hesketh are shortlisted for the Mary Seacole prize for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity and Inclusion and for the Student Innovation in Practice accolade in the 2019 Student Nursing Times Awards.

Nominated for their work in raising awareness for people with learning disabilities, the second award has received widespread attention for the creation of Makaton healthcare cards. Makaton is a language programme, using signs and symbols, designed to provide a means of communication to individuals who can't communicate efficiently by speaking.

"We were nominated by Amanda Glennon, a Makaton tutor whose daughter, Alice, is a Makaton user", said Eve, whose background is in support work for adults with learning disabilities. "The Makaton Charity made them available and they are now their most downloaded resource."

The team have known each other since their course began three years ago. "We became close during our first field-specific module" said Emily, a former teaching assistant in a special needs school.

Alice Waddington, a psychology undergraduate and former support worker for adults with learning disabilities who plans to pursue community nursing on a learning disability team, said: "Meeting Amanda in 2017 and listening to Alice's story highlighted that something further needed to be done to promote Makaton within healthcare."

Their involvement with Learning Disability Awareness week in June 2018 saw the launch of the cards on the Makaton website. "We were invited to a university conference to teach people how to sign phrases in Makaton. We also uploaded a video of us and other students signing, 'This is me' in Makaton, which reached 50,000 views on Facebook."

Their event, called 'Come and discover, think outside the box' saw students and lecturers attend workshops around sensory awareness, communication and how to make reasonable adjustments. They then signed up students to become learning disability student champions and have trained 90 from across the region, with plans to share with other universities.

Alice Waddington, Eve Hesketh and Emily Kavanagh who have received two nominations at the 2019 Student Nursing Times Awards.

And their involvement with 13-year-old Alice Glennon has extended beyond that initial conference. "She has attended many healthcare appointments and not one professional has been able to communicate with her through Makaton", added Alice. "This is when we were inspired to create the cards."

"The fact Alice's pediatrician has pledged to learn using the cards will mean he'll be the first healthcare professional to have communicated with her using Makaton, not through her mum," added Emily and Eve, who are due to take up positions at Alder Hey and Royal Manchester Children's hospitals, respectively.

The winners of the awards will be announced at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on April 26.

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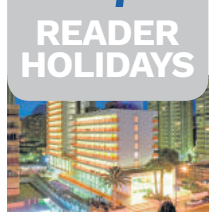

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Councils defend huge pay packets for senior staff

'Town Hall Rich List' reveals a former director was given payout of nearly £340,000 - and that was after taxes went up again for residents!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Dave Tilleray

COUNCIL chiefs have defended bumper pay packets for senior staff - despite tax rises for residents.

The annual Town Hall Rich List report from the Taxpayers' Alliance revealed that 13 senior employees at Lancashire County Council and two from West Lancs Borough Council were remunerated more than £100,000 in 2017/18.

Remuneration includes salary, commission, compensation, and wages.

The Director of Leisure and Wellbeing at West Lancs council, Dave Tilleray, was revealed as being remunerated a whopping £337,351 - the ninth highest payout in the UK.

In 2017/18 the borough council announced it needed to make £1million in savings due to Government cuts and council tax was hiked in West Lancs by just under 3.5%. Council tax has risen by nearly 5% this year.

The borough council has said, however, that Mr Tilleray was made redundant that year to streamline finances and that his pay-out was made up of salary, pension contributions, and compensation,

Pay for staff at Lancashire County Council were: J Turton Chief Executive £268,776; Deputy Chief Executive £230,575; Director Governance, Finance and Public Services £199,705; Director of Development and Corporate Services £157,813; Director of Children's Services £130,431; Corporate Director Operations and Delivery £118,292; Director of Education, Schools and Care £110,004 ; Director Public Health and Wellbeing £105,361; and Director of Adult Services £102,266.

The figures released regarding West Lancs borough council show that Chief executive Kim Webber was paid £125,594, including a salary of £108,539 and pension contributions of £17,055 while, as stated above, the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing was renumbered £337,351.

John O'Connell, chief executive of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "Hard pressed families in Lancashire will be shocked that so many senior staff at West Lancashire Borough Council and Lancashire County Council are on such high salaries.

"The average council tax bill has gone up by more than £900 over the last 20 years and spending has gone through the roof. Disappointingly, many local authorities are now responding to financial reality through further tax rises and reducing services rather than scaling back top pay.

"Despite many in the public sector facing a much-needed pay freeze to help bring the public finances under control, many town hall bosses are continuing to pocket huge remuneration packages, with staggering pay-outs for those leaving their jobs."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "Senior officers' pay reflects the skills and responsibilities required of these complex roles and ensures that we attract and retain the best people possible for Lancashire. The council employs over 12,000 people in full-time and part-time roles."

A spokesperson for West Lancs council said the authority compares pay rates to similar roles regionally and nationally to ensure that it retains or attracts suitably qualified and skilled officers.

About Dave Tilleray's payment, the spokesperson added: "The Director of Leisure and Wellbeing was made redundant in the 2017/18 financial year and left the authority in January 2018.

"This was one of a number of measures in a council restructure which was the latest move by the council to streamline its management and which saves the authority £267,000 per year. This is part of £10 million in savings the council has made over the last nine years, £535,507 of which has come from management restructures since 2011.

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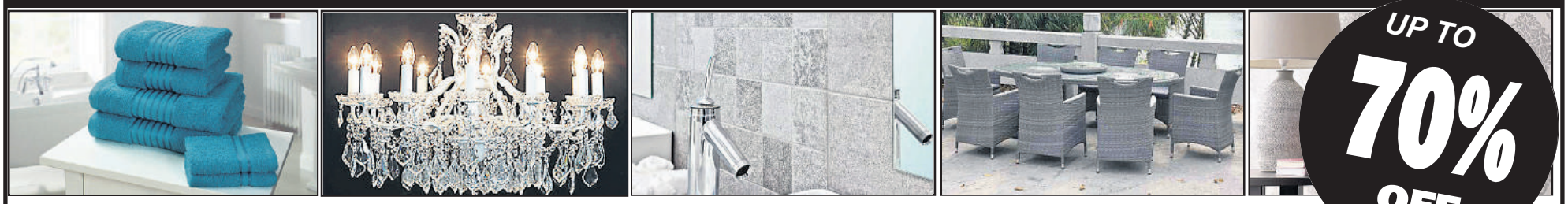

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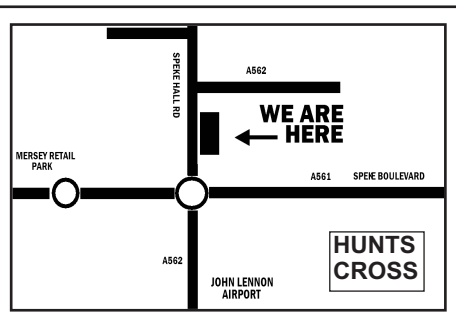

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

Time to take fairground operators to task over toxic fumes generated

CHARGING non-compliant vehicles in London's Ultra Low Emissions Zone has already begun and is being rolled out to other cities soon.

You may or may not support its aims.

I went walking through Coronation Park in Ormskirk today enjoying the pleasant sight of children and parents, playing together around and upon the rides of a small fairground there and within the playground adjacent.

Always a pleasure to get some fresh air . . . oh, hang on, what's that smell? I can even taste it!

I made my way out of the park, crossing over County Road (the busy A59) which was rather quieter and void of any smell of fumes.

In this time of attempting to control pollution, I am surprised that the travelling fairground operators have not been taken to task over the exhaust fumes emanating from the rather large and antique-looking generator that provides power to their fairground attractions that the children adore.

I certainly won't be encouraging my grandkids to fill their lungs with harmful toxins from such a strong smell (and taste) of diesel fumes.

Maybe I'll let them play on the nearby A59, where at least the car, bus and lorry emissions are controlled to some extent.

Concerned grandfather, Ormskirk.

We all need to take pride in our environments and not dump rubbish for someone else to clear

WHILST it was good to read in the Champion (April 10) that the council is arranging to organise better services to keep our communities pleasanter and Burscough volunteers are doing well in collecting litter, the problem lies in the people's attitudes who just discard their litter as though Town Green and other communities are just giant litter bins.

I, like others who care about where we live, collect the litter lying around when I can but we shouldn't have to!

We all need to take a pride in our environments which means not throwing our rubbish for someone else to clear.

I am glad the council are recognising the need to help us all feel responsible and proud of where we live.

I have been lucky enough to have had a holiday in The Algarve recently and apart from the warmth and lovely scenery, there was NO litter which made it all so much more enjoyable.

Judy Ingman, Town Green.

Local Plan has not been dropped just postponed

RE: The letter headed 'Now the 30-year Local Plan has been dropped...' (April 3) I think there is confusion over this statement.

The Local Plan hasn't been dropped, it has been postponed until after the election.

Carole Pope, by email.

Saying people should keep their eyes open to avoid horse muck is all well and good but what about the blind and visually impaired?

I MUST congratulate D. P. (Letters, April 3) on being the only human being in history that hasn't ever had to suffer the olfactive indignity of scraping animal waste from the soles of his shoes. Bravo, sir!

His enviable record is not one of serendipity or good fortune. It is based on the single-minded and deliberate endeavour of 'using his eyes'.

Why didn't I think of that? muses anyone that has ever accidentally stepped into something they wish they hadn't.

Much less fortunate than D. P. are the 350,000 people in the UK who are registered blind. So when he has finished patting himself on the back for the monumental act of looking where he walks perhaps D. P. could offer some pearls of eagle-eyed wisdom to those people that do not share his 20/20 vision or to the parents of young children that don't always maintain his peerless levels of concentration?

Regardless of anyone's ability to see, or of the merits of police horses - the assault on the senses provided by large piles of steaming equine excrement in and around the town centre is not exactly the aesthetic bejewelling likely to result in a renaissance of High Street shopping.

Matthew Black, by email.

We welcome your views...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Technology hub snub is latest example of neglecting the North

WHATEVER happened to the Northern Powerhouse?

Last week the Government announced the locations of 12 'Institutes of Technology' in England, intended to provide high-quality vocational skills training.

None of these is located in the North West of England.

There are no new Institutes of Technology in Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside or Cumbria, with only two located north of the West Midlands conurbation - one in Durham and the other in York.

Moreover, the new funding does not replace the money already lost to further and adult education budgets and, when the Government announced this policy some years ago, they said that it would make higher-level technical education available in all areas.

Another false promise. Another missed opportunity.

Yet another example of the 'Neglect of the North'.

Peter Rimmer, Ormskirk.

Knowing your loved ones organ donation wishes should be as common place as knowing their birthday

Your readers may have seen in the news that the organ donation procedure in England is changing.

The introduction of Max and Keira's Law will provide hope for all the people currently waiting for a heart, kidney or other organ transplant.

However, evidence tells us more work will need to be done; now the Government must invest in resources to help the law change become a success.

Families will still play a role in deciding what happens to their loved one's organs, so encouraging people to make their wishes known is essential.

More specialist nurses are also needed as the presence of specialist organ donation nurses dramatically improves consent rates in the UK. If a specialist donation nurse is present to discuss organ donation, families are around three times more likely to consent to their loved one's organs being donated.

It is fantastic this law has been passed, but now we must have a national conversation about organ donation.

That is why we're asking your readers to talk about how they feel about organ donation with their friends and family. Knowing your loved ones organ donation wishes should be as commonplace as knowing their birthday.

Simon Gillespie, Chief Executive of The British Heart Foundation, and Paul Bristow, Interim Chief Executive of Kidney Care UK

PICTURE of the week

"Morning, Woody here . . ."

Champion reader Ray Thaw, a keen amateur photographer, submitted this close-up shot of one of the several 'resident' wood mice in his garden in Parbold.

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Staff and youngsters from Southport's KinderWorld Montessori Day Nursery at the handing over of the cheques for £1,000 and £500 to representatives of Twinkle House and Learning Stars.

Nursery's helping hand for two local charities

TWO West Lancs charities have received a cash boost thanks to the efforts of staff and children at a nursery in neighbouring Southport.

The team at the KinderWorld Montessori Day Nursery in the resort's Bispham Road staged a number of fundraising events realising a grand total of £1,500 which they decided to donate to two worthy causes.

Nursery manager, Emma Louis presented cheques for £1,000 and £500 respectively to Claire Ward and Tina Duffy from Twinkle House in Skelmersdale and Linda Brunt, Linda Hughes and David Cunningham from Learning Stars.

Based in Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands, Twinkle House is a registered charity providing free support sessions for children and young people aged up to 19 years with disabilities and additional needs.

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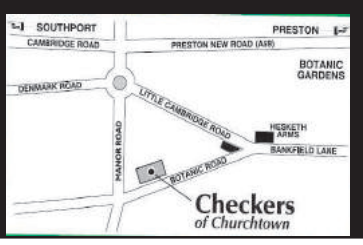

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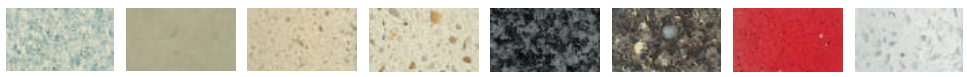

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Solicitors to raise more than £5,000 for Queenscourt

By **Danielle Thompson**

A SOLICITORS firm say they want to raise £5,000 for Queenscourt Hospice after revealing it as their charity of the year.

Throughout the rest of 2019, the team at Hodge Halsall, on Hoghton Street, Southport, will dedicate a series of events to help raise vital funds for the hospice.

For the past five years, Hodge Halsall has supported Queenscourt Hospice's Make a Will Month, providing a free Will drafting service in exchange for donations to the charity.

The firm also used the hospice's Boxtree Kitchen café to host a special event recently for its Spread the Joy initiative, aimed at reducing social isolation amongst older people in Southport, which raised £700.

The team are hoping to raise over £5,000 for Queenscourt Hospice during 2019 through fundraising events and sponsorship.

The firm has already signed up as an official sponsor of this year's Queenscourt Hospice Star Trekk event, a 10k night walk that has raised a total of £750,000 for the charity since it launched 13 years ago.

Debbie Lawson, Queenscourt Hospice's corporate services director said: "We are enormously grateful to receive this support from Hodge Halsall, a firm that has always gone out of its way to help the Queenscourt Hospice cause.

"Fundraising commitments like this, from the local business community, are a vital source of income for our charity and we hope that others will be encouraged to follow the excellent example that the Hodge Halsall team is setting by choosing Queenscourt Hospice as their charity of the year.

"The money raised by Hodge Halsall will go towards helping us care for patients with far advanced, progressive and incurable illnesses, enabling them to achieve the best possible quality of life at each new stage. It costs more than £400 an hour, 365 days a year to keep Queenscourt running and we rely heavily on donations and community support to do so."

Mark Robinson, managing partner for Hodge Halsall added: "Queenscourt Hospice is a charity that is very close to our hearts. The hospice is a central part of the local community and many of our staff have a personal connection with it.

"By dedicating our charity of the year efforts to raising as much money as possible for Queenscourt, we hope to help the hospice deliver its essential services to the local community for many years to come."

Charity to raise awareness of coeliac disease

WEST Lancashire residents are being urged by a national charity to find out more about the symptoms of coeliac disease - and how sufferers are often misdiagnosed with IBS (irritable bowel syndrome).

Norma McGough, Coeliac UK's director of policy, research and campaigns, said that the time is right to share how the two conditions share similarities as April is IBS Awareness Month, while Coeliac UK's Awareness Week will run from May 13-19.

The charity wants to encourage people with IBS to be tested for coeliac disease, as a quarter of sufferers were previously misdiagnosed with IBS – and an estimated 500,000 people in the UK are living with coeliac disease without knowing it.

Symptoms such as bloating, stomach pains or cramps, diarrhoea or constipation and feeling exhausted are the same for both.

Norma McGough said: "It is essential that awareness of the similarity of the symptoms increases and that GPs adhere to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guideline which states that anyone with IBS symptoms should be tested for coeliac disease before a diagnosis is made."

Coeliac disease is not an allergy/intolerance but an autoimmune disease where the body's immune system damages the lining of the small bowel when gluten is eaten. There is no cure or medication, the only treatment is a strict gluten-free diet.

The average time it takes for someone to get a diagnosis is 13 years from the onset of symptoms, by which time, they may already be suffering with added complications caused by the disease. If left untreated, coeliac disease can lead to a number of serious complications.

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You really don't know what you have 'till it's gone!

I AM sailing back to New Brighton once again for this week's *Dog*, at the beginning at least.

Firstly, a confession, I should think I am covered by the Statute of Limitations on this.

In the days when my late brother George and I were old enough to venture forth on our own, if you used any of the ferries from the Pier Head - whether to Birkenhead, Seacombe or New Brighton - you did not pay when boarding but at the end of your journey.

Now whether we worked this out for ourselves, or whether we picked it up from the local scallies, I don't know, but on occasion (and to be fair it was only a very few times), we would board the ferry for New Brighton and enjoy our mini cruise down the Mersey, exploring the boat and visiting the buffet. But on those occasions we had no intentions of actually setting foot in New Brighton at all. For as the ferry pulled on to the pier there, George and I were to be found - or hopefully not - hiding away in some far corner of the vessel.

The procedure was that when all the passengers should have trooped off to pay their fares, a crew member would scour the boat to ensure everybody was gone. So if you could evade this bloke until the folk boarding for the return journey started to embark (which they did very soon) you were safe for another free ride back to Liverpool.

The drawback being of course that though you had been to New Brighton you never actually got to sample the delights on offer there - but you did have a pleasant hour or so cruise under your belt.

Confession time over, I'm not exactly proud of what we did, but I reckon we did very little harm either. Now, of course, you couldn't do that anyway. These days, sensibly, you have to pay before you get aboard and in any case you can no longer get a ferry to New Brighton. That's because the pier there became unsafe, and the then Wallasey Corporation (I think) who then operated the sailings to New Brighton and Seacombe, would not - or could not - stump up the cash to save not only the ferry, but also quite possibly New Brighton's last chance as a holiday destination.

And talking of councils not saving things, with hindsight it would surely have been a good long-term investment for Liverpool Corporation to have seen fit (as it very nearly did) to pay for the new decking necessary to keep the overhead railway in operation. True, its original purpose of providing transport for the dockers to and from work disappeared with the opening of the Seaforth container dock, but the modern Liverpool waterfront, with its tourist and leisure-orientated outlook, would most certainly have benefited from the 'Overhead'. It works in London and they had to start from scratch.

Likewise, it just might have been prudent to retain the old Riverside railway station, which until certainly my living memory could still be used to bring boat trains right up to their passengers' destination. Yes, the long distance liners have become a thing of the past, but Liverpool now boasts a new cruise terminal and perhaps if Riverside station was still operative it could have been used as an added attraction to people boarding for the start of a cruise from the city?

I reckon the old song, *You Never Know What You Have 'Till It's Gone*, is absolutely correct.

I'm sure everyone has something in which they are interested which they wish they had visited many years ago. Going back to where I started, the Mersey Ferries, one major attraction for me was the ferry *Wallasey*. She was far older than any of the other boats plying to New Brighton, a genuine steamer in fact. And she owed her longevity largely to the fact that she was the largest vessel Wallasey ferries owned, and at peak hours, or particularly at busy summer weekends, was just the thing to shift the crowds wanting to go to New Brighton.

Both New Brighton's funfair and the ferry *Wallasey*' are long-gone, though I hear there are plans afoot to revive New Brighton as a holiday destination.

And good luck to that as a proposition.

Free military-themed extravaganza returns

THE next military-themed event at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick is scheduled for the weekend of April 27 and 28.

Military enthusiasts have been meeting at the venue for more than 50 years and the group is now formally recognised as the Mid-Lancs Area of the national Military Vehicle Trust.

The group hosts meetings every six months featuring a display of military vehicles, weapons and equipment.

Heatons Bridge Inn, which is run by Steve and Jacqui Winrow and located on Heatons Bridge Road, has retained a Second World War free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions on the grounds.

As previously, it is planned to set up a small Home Guard display inside the pillbox to give visitors a 'feel' of what it might have been like to have been holed up there.

Anyone with a military or military-related vehicle or camp display is welcome to join the group and camp over for the weekend.

The event is also family-friendly and members of the public are invited to visit the displays and chat with the participants. There are no entry fees.

The exhibition runs all day on the Saturday and through to Sunday lunchtime with the group setting up the site on the Friday.

At around 1pm on the Saturday the group will stage a 'road run' for any of the military vehicles that wish to join in. This entails a convoy of military vehicles heading out on to the public roads, typically to Parbold and back, with a stop half-way for refreshments. The run takes about two hours.

Members of the Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group at a previous meeting.

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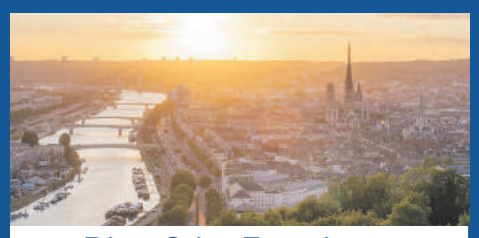

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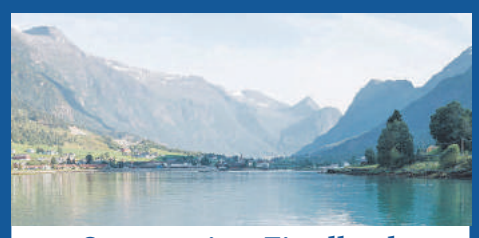

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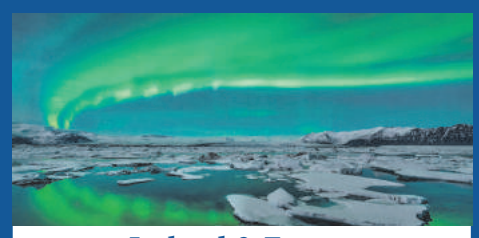

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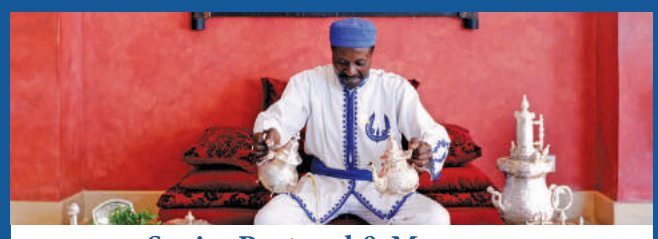

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Quirky Quilters create special sensory blankets for care home residents living with dementia

A GROUP of ladies from the Burscough University of the Third Age (U3A) group spent a day making quilts for residents of a care home living with dementia.

Dubbed the Quirky Quilters, the ladies meet fortnightly at the Grove Youth and Community Centre in Station Approach, Burscough get together once a year for a fun day making items for the community.

In the past this has included making quilts for sick babies and children at hospitals throughout the region.

This year they met at Ormskirk District Scouts Headquarters in Lathom where they spent the day making fidget blankets for the benefit of residents of the Dale Park Care Home in Meols Cop Road, Southport.

Fidget blankets, also known as sensory blankets, are made of colourful fabrics with various tactile items attached such as buttons, bows, and zips.

People living with dementia sometimes become restless or develop fidgeting behaviours as the condition develops.

Specially-made fidget items can be a helpful way to relax the person or give them something to do with their hands, and include activity blankets, cushions, aprons, toys, muffs and mitts.

The Quirky Quilters with the blankets they made for Dale Park Care Home.

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Songsters join forces to raise funds for Ugandan childcare foundation

COMMUNITY singing groups and local school choirs joined forces to perform at Parbold Village Hall and raise money for a good cause in the process.

Showcasing their talents and celebrating the joy of singing were child and adult choirs from Parbold Sing4Fun, along with choirs from Parbold Douglas CE Academy and Our Lady And All Saints RC Primary School.

The event, entitled Parbold Sings!, raised £350 for Pearl of Africa Children's Choir.

Parbold Sing4Fun, is a not-for-profit community choir set up four years ago. The youth group started three months ago following demand.

The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir raises money for the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation which provides free education, homes and health care to poor, homeless and orphaned children in Uganda. The choir has performed at various venues in West Lancashire area.

'Huge success'

Co-founder and chairwoman of Parbold Sing4Fun, Gill Louttit, said it was a "tremendous evening" and paid credit to choir leader Jo MacRae without whom it could not have happened. "We were absolutely thrilled with the event and it was a huge success, she said.

Discussions are now ongoing with the UK-based representative of Pearl of Africa to arrange for them to join with the Parbold choirs - the youth choir in particular - for another performance at Parbold Village Hall later in the year.

Both Parbold Sing4Fun groups meet every Monday evening at Our Lady And All Saints RC Primary School, Brandreth Drive, Parbold. For more information go to their website at www.parboldsing4fun.com or email parboldsing4fun@gmail.com.

Disney winners

THE winners of the Champion's recent competition for two families to win VIP tickets to Disney on Ice at the M&S Bank Arena Liverpool, were Mrs T. Keelan from Formby and Margaret Halsall from Ormskirk.

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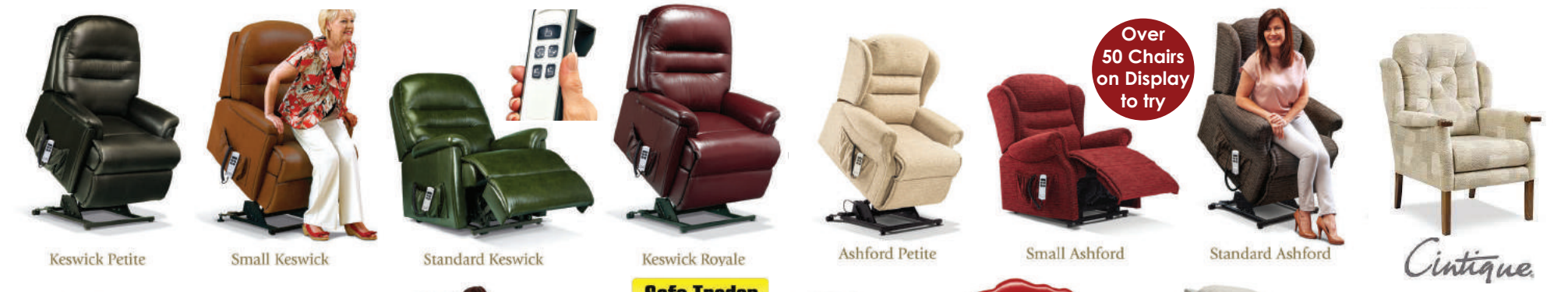

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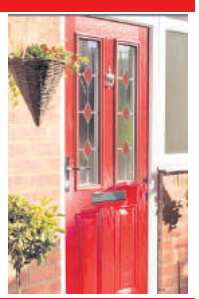
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Nursery's 'eggs-ellent' response to company's Easter appeal on behalf of children's hospices!

YOUNGSTERS at a local nursery have collected Easter eggs for less-fortunate children.

After spotting the annual appeal by MLS Independent Funeral Directors in the Champion, staff at Portico Kindergarten decided to get on board and with help of their young charges and their families - along with contributions from the Co-op store in Aughton, and Morrisons, Ormskirk - they collected 60 chocolate Easter eggs for the appeal.

Jane Waterson, manager of the nursery in Town Green Lane, Aughton, said: "The children have shown kindness by speaking to their parents and asking them to give them an Easter egg to donate."

The eggs will be donated to Claire House Children's Hospice in Wirral and Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Liverpool.

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Zoe's Place provides palliative, respite and end-of-life care for babies and infants aged up to five years suffering from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

Staff and children at Portico Kindergarten with the Easter eggs they have collected. Also pictured are nursery manager Jane Waterson (right) and Lisa Hunter-Walker and Sally Hunter-Pimblett (1st and 2nd left) of MLS Funeral Directors.

Primary school open day

BURSCOUGH Village Primary School held an open day for the local community to learn about its early years provision and view its refurbished facilities.

Business support officer for the school in Colburne Close, Veronica Bennett, said: "Children were able to play in the nursery indoor and outdoor classrooms and join in with activities as well as inspecting our 'bug hotel'. Anyone requiring details about our nursery can call the school office on 01704 895403 or call in and see us."

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Youngsters from Downholland Haskayne CE Primary threw a party when their KS2 class went top of the league against local schools.

Barbara Winrow, administration officer from the school, said: "Our competitive spirit has seen our children shoot to the top of the leader board for nearby schools who are taking part in the Times Tables Rock Stars League.

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With latest research showing that over 40% of the world's insect species may become extinct in the next few decades, it's more important than ever to try and protect existing insect species and encourage others to thrive. Here at Martin Mere, we're hopeful that our new Pond Zone will do just that. As well as encouraging insects, the Pond Zone will be used to inspire the next generation of conservationists.

A new timber classroom features a large teaching space for school visits, technical equipment to enhance the pond dipping experience, magnetic pond profiles on the walls for teaching and screens to project findings. Visitors to the centre during weekends and half term will also be able to get involved in pond dipping. All the equipment needed to uncover a world of incredible underwater life will be available; nets, trays, magnifying glasses, identity cards and our friendly Learning Team will be on hand to help. Centre Manage Nick Brooks said:

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All ages are welcome to attend on these dates but the club does hold bowling sessions specifically aimed at youngsters aged between seven and 16 years on Thursdays from 6pm. Young people are welcome to go along and have a go then and the first session is free.

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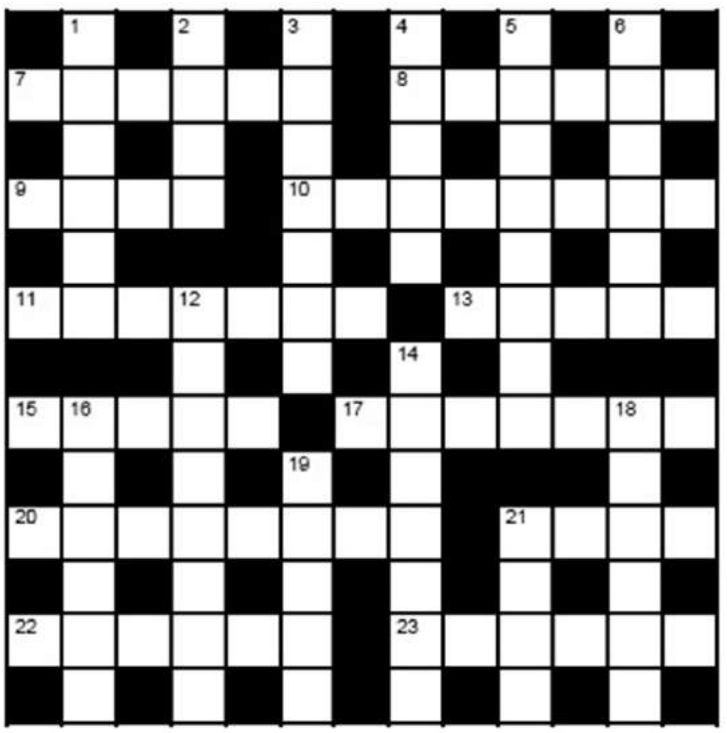

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Across: 7. Change-ringing. 8. Own goals. 9. News. 10. Hostile. 12. Rally. 14. Offer. 16. Hashish. 19. Liar. 20. Increase. 22. Straight-faced.

Down: 1. Show. 2. Knight. 3. Tenable. 4. Rinse. 5. Uganda. 6. Know-alls. 11. Off-piste. 13. Paucity. 15. Earwax. 17. Hee-haw. 18. Ridge. 21 Seek.

ACROSS

7. The front of a building; a deceptive outward appearance (6)
8. Equivalent to ten raised to the power of a hundred (6)
9. The length of a bridge (4)
10. The massacre of a large group of people of a particular nation or ethnic group (8)
11. A hint or intimation (7)
13. Swollen edible bulb used as a vegetable, having a pungent taste and smell (5)
15. Thick, white milky substance eaten with strawberries - at Wimbledon for instance (5)
17. The use of irony to mock or convey contempt (7)
20. Expressing something forcibly and clearly (8)
21. A very small part or amount; speck (4)
22. In the US West a wild or half-tamed horse (6)
23. In a tidy manner (6)

DOWN

1. Make slightly wet (6)
2. Farm storage building (4)
3. A substance or mixture for use in chemical analysis or other reactions (7)
4. Extreme physical or mental suffering (5)
5. (Of a feeling or emotion) bursting out or liable to burst out violently (8)
6. Black cult practised in the Caribbean combining elements of traditional West African magical and religious rites and characterised by sorcery and spirit possession (6)
12. A feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred (8)
14. Theft of personal property (7)
16. Comment (6)
18. To protect from danger; screen (6)
19. One of the Three Musketeers (5)
21. Feeble; lacking in strength (4)

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Bishop of Blackburn swaps church for a classroom to pass on wisdom to pupils

Report by **Henry James**

BISHOP Julian Henderson of Blackburn came to Banks St Stephens CE Primary School to speak with pupils about his life.

He spoke to Year 6 about his life and his religion, and in turn the children asked many questions and gave the bishop some food for thought!

Staff say the children enjoyed their lesson finding out what it is like to be a Bishop.

Bishop Julian even spoke to them about his family and his love of football.

One child said: "We were all won over with Bishop Julian's warm and generous personality and would like him to visit us again."

Meanwhile for World Book Day 2019, the children at Banks St Stephens held a day based around the mystery of their missing librarian.

They had to visit a crime scene in the school library and try and work out who was responsible.

Year 2 received a ransom letter from 'The Big Bad Wolf', who said that if the whole school were able to improve reading across school then Mrs Harland-Say would be released.

Each class was given a task such as designing and implementing a book swap, organising and running a book club and making book marks for the library.

Luckily the children completed all of their challenges before the end of the school day and Mrs Harland-Say was saved!

A spokesman for the school said: "Everyone had such a wonderful day which was finished with an evening bed time stories session where children came back to school in their pyjamas with their parents and everyone read bedtime stories together."

Also the school organised activities to support Comic Relief.

The School Council asked everyone to come to school wearing something red and if possible to wear their red noses too.

They also organised joke telling, design a red nose, make joke posters and hold a "stand up comedy" time in class.

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Bishop Julian Henderson at Banks St Stephens CE Primary School and below: children dressed up for Red Nose Day

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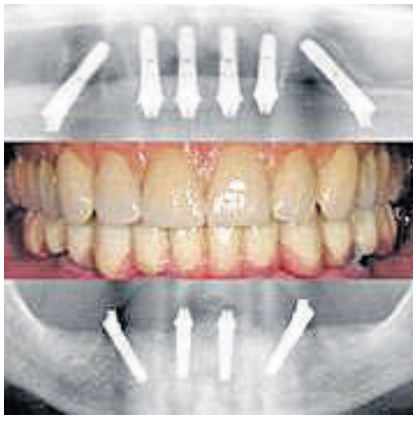

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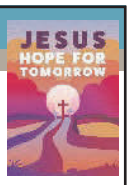

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Eco-motorist blasts 'unhelpful' council

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A MAN who claims he is 'doing his bit' for the environment by driving an eco-friendly car as well as providing a community parking area, has accused West Lancs Council of being "unethical" and "unhelpful."

Giovanni Lupaldi, of Whalley Drive, Aughton, has created the parking area and an electric charging point outside his home in Whalley Drive, Aughton but says it has cost him £5,000 and taken two years - even though the actual building work only took two days!

And he believes the local authority should have been more helpful as he is providing five other car parking spaces for the local community.

However the council says it has helped Mr Lupaldi to develop the plans for the parking spaces while also complying with regulations.

Mr Lupaldi, who has his own water and energy consultancy business, applied to have the car park built as there is no road directly outside of his house and he is not allowed to park on the grass to charge his car from home. He and his wife have been charging their car at the council offices in Ormskirk two-and-a-half miles away often cycling back late at night after leaving it on charge.

Giovanni Lupaldi at his new electric car charging point.

After 18 months of negotiations to finally get planning permission, he accused the authority of making it difficult for him by insisting that he use a contractor with £10m insurance liability.

He claimed finding a contractor willing to take on a relatively small job for such a large liability proved problematic, while those recommended by the council were too expensive.

And now that the car parking area is finally complete he says that a request for the council to 'drop' the kerb has been refused, even though he offered to pay for it to be done.

He said: "West Lancs Council has been no help at all. We have spent £5,000 on something that took two years to get approval and just two days to get built!

"I have had to pay for everything and even my effort to get a little help at the very last part of the process has been rejected.

"The council has acted lawfully, I have no complaints about that, but it says a lot about how it deals with these kind of situations. Legal but not very ethical in my opinion."

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council commented: "To assist Mr Lupaldi, the council produced plans for the parking area, with the final layout being subject to planning approval, of which Mr Lupaldi was always aware.

"Mr Lupaldi was granted planning approval and issued with a licence agreement to undertake the work. The conditions of the licence agreement required that any contractors appointed by Mr Lupaldi would need to have public liability insurance cover of £10m in line with current council requirements.

"With regard to the issue of the dropped kerb, this was identified at the time of the planning application and forms part of the overall work. As such, Mr Lupaldi is responsible for organising the dropping of the kerb so the car park area can be safely accessed.

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Animal sanctuary seeks homes for cats with health problems

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a West Lancs animal charity are appealing for loving homes for some of their furry friends with lifelong health problems.

The Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, takes in sick, unwanted and abandoned animals, specialising in cats and hedgehogs.

Currently they have two pairs of cats with permanent health conditions and they are looking for families willing to give them a permanent home.

When lifelong medication is required, the charity will continue to pay for this to alleviate financial pressure on families adopting the cats.

In addition, all cats available for re-homing are up-to-date with worming and de-flea treatments and are vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.

The four cats the sanctuary is seeking to re-home will have their vet bills paid for life and will be treated at Rufford Veterinary Group.

The first pair are nine-year-old 'brothers' Charlie and Elvis. Charlie is a semi long-haired tabby and white who is described as 'quiet' and needs regular grooming because of his long coat.

Elvis is more adventurous and likes getting into mischief.

Both have slight heart murmurs and although they don't currently require any medication they do need close monitoring and it's likely they will need (free) medication in the future.

The second pair are four-year-old 'sisters' Cookie and Cleo.

Cleo, who is black and white, was diagnosed with a quite severe heart murmur in January for which she is on medication that she will need for the rest of her life.

Above: Charlie and Elvis. Below: Cookie and Cleo.

She will also need regular close monitoring as the medication may need adapting in the future and due to the severity of her condition staff at Woodlands are unable to be sure of her expected life span.

She is prone to over-grooming and carers should also keep an eye on this.

Cookie is all-black, loves attention and has a very affectionate nature. She has no additional needs.

Anyone who thinks they could welcome into their home either of these pairs of cats is asked to contact Woodlands Animal Sanctuary by phoning 01704 823293.

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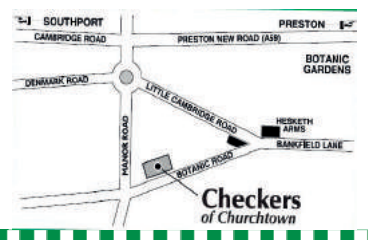

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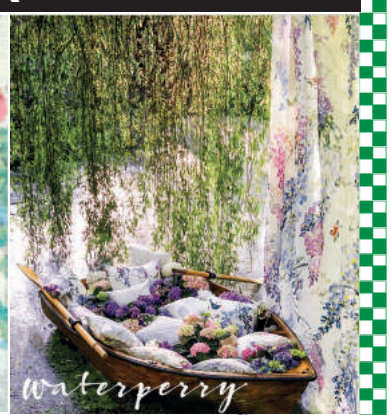

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Show was a 'moving interpretation of a classic musical'

Review by **Henry James**

SONG presented West Side Story at The Atkinson in Southport as their 40th Anniversary Show.

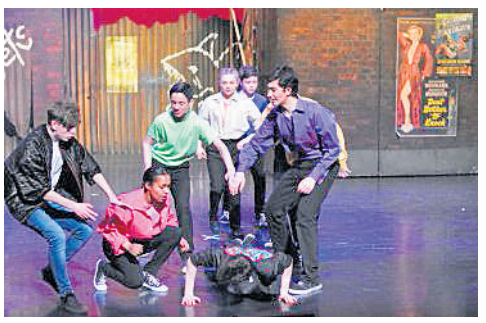
The musical, which is inspired by Romeo and Juliet, was first staged on Broadway in 1957, and is as relevant today with the many issues highlighted in it, such as knife crime and gang culture, still topical.

This was an ambitious production to bring to the stage with its complex score and challenging choreography, but the youngsters from SONG were up to the task and their performances really delivered.

Of particular note was Louis Millington as Maria who has a terrific singing voice. Ryan Harrison was assured as Tony. Anita (Charlie Jasmine Edge) stood out as well and had a big part to play in the second half. She has to sing the famous song Somewhere.

The leaders of the two gangs, The Jets and The Sharks, brought the right amount of swagger to the roles. Riff was played by Ryan Gallagher and Bernardo by Gabe Cardeita.

The company, who were obviously enjoying being in the show, came together well too under the direction of Karen Edge in their scenes, including Dance At The Gym, and The Rumble.



A scene from West Side Story

Karen, who is an ex-member of SONG, was also in the creative team for the company's successful 2017 production The Addams Family.

She was joined by Victoria Harrocks as the choreographer. Jerome Robbins original choreography is a key element of the show and SONG's presentation did it justice.

West Side Story is a terrific score and in it are the famous songs America, Tonight and Somewhere. The orchestra, under the supervision of Charles Moss, provided a perfect accompaniment to the action.

This was a moving interpretation of a classic musical. 9/10

A scene from You Just Never Know. Photo by David Hogben.

You Just Never Know was 'enjoyed by a packed audience'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

'You Just Never Know' By Liz Dobson
The Harry Whitehouse Players
Fisher Hall, Formby

MARK Hogben and Jill Williams played Geoff and Mo, a couple who are having breakfast in their home before Geoff sets off for work. He is an IT expert at the Ministry of Defence and Mo works there part-time.

It is shortly to be their fifth wedding anniversary and Mo has suggested to Geoff they have a quiet meal together to celebrate but, after he has left for work, her best friend and neighbour, Claire (Valerie Hogben) turns up for a gossip and Mo tells her she is actually planning a big surprise for Geoff, a party at the Imperial Hotel with all their friends invited, no expense spared.

The second act takes place on the night of the party as Mo and Claire, all dressed up to the nines, wait impatiently for Geoff to come home from work when something alarming happens…

Produced and directed by Susan Birchall and Jim Crawford, this was an intriguing mystery which brought a totally surprise ending no one would have envisaged.

As a bonus to the evening's entertainment, Dorothy Sanders opened the proceedings by performing a delightful rendition of Joyce Grenfell's famous 'nursery school' monologue, 'It's Time to go Home'.

All in all, an excellent evening's entertainment, well-acted by all the cast and enjoyed by a packed audience.

Star Rating: 7 out of 10. Better than Midsomer Murders

Popular production is coming to Empire theatre

BILL Kenwright's production of Ghost the musical is on a UK Tour and is coming to the Liverpool Empire from Tuesday, April 23 to Saturday, April 27.

It is inspired by the movie, and this reimagining has an expanded book, new music and original staging.

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The movie Ghost, which stars the late Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg was the highest grossing film of 1990. Screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin won an Oscar for his work on the film and he adapted his screenplay for this musical.

The movie and the musical feature The Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody alongside songs co-written by Eurythmics' Dave Stewart.

The show had its world premiere at the Manchester Opera House on March 28, 2011 and ran until May 14 of the same year. It starred former Coronation Street star Richard Fleeshman as Sam Wheat and Cassie Levy as Molly Jensen. The show went on to have runs on the West End and Broadway.

A scene from Ghost the musical

Former EastEnders star appearing in Sweeney Todd

NICK Bagnall's anarchic production of the musical Sweeney Todd has opened at the Liverpool Everyman.

Former EastEnders star Kacey Ainsworth is playing the role of Mrs Lovett. Known for her performance as Little Mo in the soap. Kacey has also appeared in her fourth series of the ITV detective drama Grantchester. This is Kacey's first production at the Everyman.

Liam Tobin plays Sweeney Todd in the production.

The show will be performed at the Everyman until Saturday, May 18.

Nick Bagnall, associate director at Everyman & Playhouse, said: "I'm really excited to be working with this group of actors for Sweeney Todd."

Kacey Ainsworth

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CURTAINS Double width each curtain fit pole/track 96in Drop 84in, fully lined pinch pleat heading, pale copper satin sheen colour £45 01695 576078

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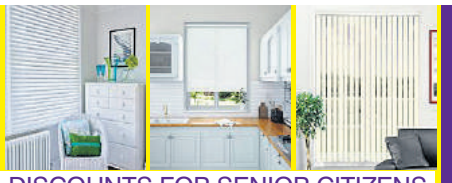
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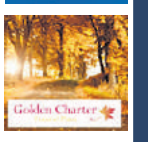

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2nd April 2019
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Devoted Wife of the late Ken. Much-loved Mum of Peter and Barry, Mum-in-law to Margaret and Pat, Adored Nan to Miranda, Alex, Robert, Gavin and Naomi. Great Nan to Ava and Tobias. Loving friend to the late Eugene. Requiem Mass on Wednesday on 17th April 2019 at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby at 12.00noon followed by Cremation at 1.20pm at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RNIB c/o Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE. Tel. 01704 873899

JACKLIN BRIAN MURRAY

6th April 2019

Peacefully aged 83 years.

A much loved and loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Father in Law. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale PR8 3HS. Tel 01704 575 282

HANSON MARIE

4th April 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 72 years
of Ormskirk

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 29th April 2019 at 2:30pm. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

JACKSON RON

4th April 2019
Aged 99 years

Died peacefully. Devoted Husband of the late Betty, much loved Dad of Michael and Alison. Loving Grandad to Jamie, Isla and Alice. Ron will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Wednesday 24th April at 1:00pm. Flowers welcome, but if desired donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

CRICK PAUL R-I-P

31st March 2019
Aged 68 years

Died suddenly. Much loved Son of Catherine and the late Arthur and loving Brother of Ron, Jackie and Michelle. Cherished Uncle and Great-Uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Paul will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's R.C Church, Formby on Thursday 25th April at 12:00pm followed by interment at Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for St Joseph's Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

MAGUIRE MARY LUCY

12th April 2019
Peacefully surrounded by her family
aged 93 years

Devoted Wife of Fred (deceased), loving Mother to Peter, Laurence (deceased), David, Gordon, Susan, Andrew, Sara, Barry (deceased), Ann and all her other foster children, Grandma to 19 and Great Gran to 5. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Alzhiemer's Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel:01695 722122/720012

ROTHWELL MARY FAZAKERLEY

Late of Parrs Lane, Aughton
Died 9th April
aged 90 years

Beloved Wife of 67 years to Walter. Loving Mother to John, Pam and Philip. Doting Gran to Graham, Simon, Nicola, Tasha, Jack and Jamie. Funeral at 12.00pm on Thursday 25th April at St Michael's, Aughton followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please and donations to Compassion in World Farming.

All enquiries to Anabel Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

DUCKWORTH DAVID ALLAN

On 10th April 2019
Peacefully in a Nursing Home while Sleeping
Aged 85 years

Beloved husband of Pat, Loving father of John and Sarah, dear Father in Law of Mai-Ling and Jeff, and much loved Granddad of Samuel and Halle. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 24th April at 11.20am. No flowers by request, donations if so desired for Elm House Nursing Home. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704214118.

SUTTON WILLIAM (BILL)

Aged 97 years

Peacefully on 14th April 2019 in Dovehaven Lodge aged 97 years.

Beloved Husband of the late Mary (Polly), dearly loved Father of Kathleen and Andrew, Father-in-law of Mary, and a loving Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 18th April at 9.30am. Inquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772 301700

DEATHS

OWEN ELSIE

Passed away peacefully at Courtfield Lodge, Ormskirk on 8th April 2019 surrounded by her loving family aged 94 years

Dearly loved Wife of Emlyn, much loved Mum of Jim & Carol, John & Lyn, Peter & Jean, Chris & Stefano, Loving Gran and Great Gran to all her Grandchildren, Dearest Sister of Nancy. Funeral Service at Digmoor Methodist Church, on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 1.00pm, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimers Society.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

PULMAN (NEE GLENNON) ANITA DIANE

30th March 2019

Peacefully after an illness in Belfast aged 52 years. Loving Mum to her five children. Nanny Nita to all her Grandchildren. Beloved Sister and Daughter. Anita will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport crematorium on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 2.40pm. Please wear something purple. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Friends of the Cancer Centre, N. I. Cancer Centre, City Hospital, Belfast. Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

DEATHS

BROWN CYRIL

11th April 2019
Aged 87 years

Died peacefully at home. Dearly loved Husband of Joan. Much loved Dad to Yvonne and Stephanie, Father-in-law to Paul and the late Dave. Devoted and greatly loved Grandad to James, Carolyn, Aimee, Chloe and Great-Grandpa to Hector. Brother to the late Norman. Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Southport on Thursday 25th April at 2:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

RUTTER RICHARD DAVID

(David)
1st April 2019
Aged 79 years

Passed away peacefully at Birkdale Park Nursing Home. Much loved Husband of Ann. A kind, loving Father and Grandchildren to all of his Children and Grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by his family and his many dear friends. Funeral service at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Churchtown on Tuesday 23rd April at 12.15pm. Flowers welcome or donations are being collected for Myeloma UK Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. 01704 500086

DEATHS

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

3rd April 2019
Passed away peacefully aged 54 years surrounded by his family

Dearly loved Husband of Vanessa. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired to Welsh Air Ambulance or NW Air Ambulance

Further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

In loving memory of my beautiful Andrew the most loving and caring Husband, soulmate and best friend I could have ever wished for.

We will never know why we were parted so soon, but I still feel your comforting strength all around me and feel so proud to be your Wife.

Forever in my heart sleep peacefully my love
XXX

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

Died suddenly on 3rd April 2019

Dearly loved Son of Peter and Step Mum Jean
Will miss this gentle, lovely Son so much.

RIP Andrew

You will always be in our hearts

DEATHS

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

Aged 54 years

Much loved Son of Peter and Lesley, Step-Son of Jean and John, dear Brother to Beverley, Brother-In-Law of Andrew, loving Uncle to Charlotte and Bryoni, Nephew of Shirley and Bob, and Cousin of Nick and Robert. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Welsh Air Ambulance & North West Air Ambulance. C/O MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

In loving memory of my wonderful Son-In-Law Andrew, Brother-In-Law to Stuart.
Loved, missed and in our hearts forever.

Carol and Stuart
XX

GRAY CAROL (NEE WATKISS)

Died 13th April 2019
aged 80 years

Dearly loved Wife of Peter and much loved Mother of Jackie, Nicky and Angie. A private cremation will be followed by a celebration of her life at St.Michaels Church , Aughton, on Friday 3rd May at 12.30pm, to which all her friends are welcome No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association c/o Cravens' Funeral Directors, 16 Derby Street West, Ormskirk, L39 3NH. Tel: 01695 577200

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DEATHS

ROUTLEDGE PAUL WILLIAM

Aged 69

Died at home surrounded by his family.

Dearly loved Husband to Susan, Devoted Father to Phillipa, Jonathan and Simon. Treasured Grandad to Angus, Fraser and Mason.

With infectious wit and humour Paul created thousands of happy memories for many people; he will be sorely missed by all of his family, friends and everyone who knew him.

Funeral service to be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Friday 26th April 2019 at 10.30am followed by committal thereafter at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough.

Family flowers only please, however donations are being collected in fond memory of Paul for Diabetes UK and Merseyside Wing GP Fund for the benefit of the Air Cadets of the area.

Further Enquiries to Claire at Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

NICHOLSON ALAN

11th April 2019

A wonderful friend.

Will be sadly missed so much.

Heartbroken friends.

Jim, Kim and Family

GEILL KENNETH WILLIAM 'KEN'

On 12th April 2019

Peacefully at Home

Aged 88 years

Wonderful Dad of Diane, Stephen, Lynda and the late Michael, dear Partner of the late Elaine Jones, and a loving Granddad of all his Grandchildren. 'Ken will be sadly missed by all his family and friends'. Diane and family would like to thank all health care workers and professionals who helped support Ken over the last decade, especially the Girls in Blue and the Abbendon Nursing Home. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 26th April at 1:20pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

SIMMONS IVY ETHEL 'SIMMY'

12th April 2019

Died at home after a short illness

Aged 81

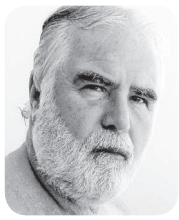
Much loved Mum, Nan, Nanna and Gran. She is utterly irreplaceable and will be sorely missed forever. Finally reunited with her beloved John.

Funeral will take place at Landican Crematorium Wirral, on Tuesday 23rd April at 9.30am. Family flowers only but donations to Claire House and NYAS Childrens Charity via Quinns Funeral Service, 54 Grange Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 4EF. Tel: 0151 6255274

LAMB STEVEN

Of Burscough

Died Peacefully on 8th April 2019 aged 65 years



Much Loved Husband, Dad and Grandpa. Funeral Service at St. John's C.E. Church Burscough on Wednesday 24th April at 3.30pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Bowel Cancer UK and Hull Coastguard Rescue Team.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough L40 8HZ. Tel: 01704 891555.

CAIRNS RICKY LEE

28th March 2019

Tragically, aged 31 years

Much loved Son of Maria. Loving Father of Chelsea Faye and Roxanne Leigh. Best friend and Brother of Lewis and Brother-in-law to Steph. Dear Grandson of Duncan and the late Beryl. A much loved Uncle to Ellouise, Pheobe, Zoe and Leighton. Ricky will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but if so desired donations can be made to MIND.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

RILEY FRANCES

14th April 2019

Peacefully at Hillcroft Nursing Home, Aughton

aged 93 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late John, loving Mum of Brenda, Joyce, John, Kenneth, Brian, Irene (deceased), Peter and Linda, devoted Nan and Great Nan to all her Grand and Great Grandchildren. Funeral service and interment at St Michael and all Angels Church, Dalton on Friday 26th April 2019 at 11:00am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman, Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel:01695 722122/720012

DR MORAG CLARK MBE

Peacefully on April 9th at Broomy Hill Nursing Home, Hereford.

Aged 90 years

A Courageous Pioneer. The funeral service will be held on Saturday 4th May 2019 at Hereford Crematorium at 10.45am. Followed by a Memorial Service at Hereford Baptist Church. Donations if desired for DELTA.

All enquiries to Dawe Brothers 01432 274066

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Morris Lane, Halsall from Tyrol House, Morris Lane to 5m either side of Tyrol House, Morris Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on 23rd April 2019 until 1800 hours on 29th April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Small Lane North - North Moor Lane - A5147 Halsall Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow water service works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/16685/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PHILOMENA HAMBLYN (formerly known as PHILOMENA McKINLEY) (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 33 Darfield Road Upholland Skelmersdale WN8 0AT, who died on 15/02/2019, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 21/06/2019, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WHITELEYS LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) NOTICE 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council consider it necessary or expedient by reason of works being executed on the following length of road that the prohibition should come into force without delay under **Section 14(2) (a)** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, which will temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this Notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Railway Street, Chorley from its junction with Chapel Street to its junction with Albert Street in Chorley Borough.

2. The prohibition will be operative each day between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 29th April 2019 until Tuesday 30th April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. Nothing in Article 1 of this Notice shall make it unlawful to proceed over the said road if the vehicle is being used for or in connection with the conveyance of persons, goods or merchandise to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the said road;

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via; Wellfield Lane, Westhead - Vicarage Lane, Westhead - School Lane, Westhead - Wigan Road, Westhead - Wigan Road, Lathom

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Notice to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, Lathom for 20m either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 27th April 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 28th April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. No access will be maintained. Escorted access for pedestrians

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Bleak Lane - Wood Lane - Hoscar Moss Road - Ring O Bells Lane - Carr Lane - Daisy Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/16855/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20m from Level Crossing to 20m from Level Crossing

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Sunday 21st April 2019 until 1530 hours on Sunday 21st April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access to be maintained for pedestrians only. No emergency access to be maintained as diversion route in place.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Hall Lane - Robin Lane - Chorley Road - Lancaster Lane - Alder Lane - Ash Brow - Course Lane - Lowry Hill Lane - Briars Lane - Square Lane - Liverpool Road South - Liverpool Road North - Moss Lane - Causeway Lane - Liverpool Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual level crossing testing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/16827/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0097/FUL Conversion of existing attached garage into 2 No. bedrooms and bathroom at Quarry Dell, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0201/FUL Demolition of existing barn and storage shed and partial change of use followed by erection of dwelling and stable block on same footprint as previous buildings at Shireoaks, Wigan Road, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/0247/FUL Erection of glass house for plant propagation and growing herbaceous plants at Robbins Bridge Farm, Springfield Road, Aughton.
2019/0303/FUL Demolition of existing side extension and erection of two storey side extension. Erection of single storey rear extension, including alterations to existing extension at 18 Mill Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0323/FUL Conversion of the traditional brick barn into 2 residential dwellings with associated gardens, parking and paddock areas at Barn Opposite Old Gore House Farm, Altcar Lane, Great Altcar.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0329/FUL 3 No. four and five storey blocks with associated landscape and parking, comprising of high quality mixed use & student resident accommodation at Land To The South West Adjacent Car Park, The Stiles, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 17th April 2019
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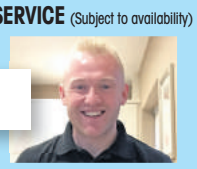

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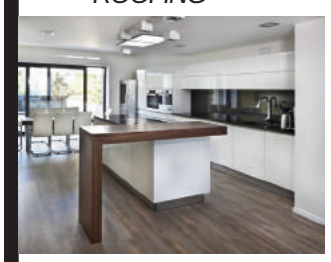

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Studio-based school of motoring television is finally on its way out...

The final episode of The Grand Tour focused on the legacy of the Ford Mondeo

NEVER has the sale of a second-hand tent seemed quite so emotional. If you haven't watched the last episode of The Grand Tour yet (and you don't mind forking out for Amazon Prime) then you might want to put your copy of The Champion down for an hour, watch it and then come back, because it's really worth catching up with. In a nutshell, the motoring telly giant that was the Clarkson/Hammond/May trio came to an end – except it sort of didn't.

After an extended piece bemoaning the Ford Mondeo's steady slide from the top of the car sales charts a genuinely emotional Jeremy announced that there would be no shows involving him taking the mickey out of the latest motors alongside his two mates in front of a studio audience, either for The Grand Tour or back on Top Gear.

An extended montage of what they'd been up to on both shows followed – including everything from Richard Hammond's many crashes to the Reliant Robin space shuttle – duly followed, giving the trio's work the sort of send off a certain incident involving cold meat and a late night at a hotel a couple of years ago denied them.

The only snag is that it was all much ado about nothing, because the three of them then went on to say they are going to carry on working together on The Grand Tour, albeit in a new format that focuses solely on their big globe-trotting adventures. Read between the lines, though, and I reckon that there's a wider truth; that the studio-based school of motoring telly they pioneered is finally on the way out.

I've written before that a lot of Top Gear now feels tired trying to hang on to elements popularised more than 15 years ago and that I've already predicted the next series, fronted by two celebs who aren't practised motoring writers, is going to be awful.

Which is a shame, because the one that's just finished was one of the best yet, and that includes comparing it to ones presented by the old trio.

But in a streaming-obsessed world where you can watch everything on demand simply rocking up in an old aircraft hanger and then packing in an audience around a few strategically-parked supercars just seems a bit, well, to be honest, a bit old hat now.

I'll happily predict that Top Gear will eventually follow suit and go for a rethink in a few years' time, and might even be parked up altogether.

Saying that about a car show that I've grown up with, from crackly early Nineties episodes of a fuzzy-haired Clarkson moaning about mid-sized Vauxhalls to Chris Harris doing balletic mid-corner routines in McLarens, is a bitter pill to swallow, but I also loved Top of the Pops and Tomorrow's World, and the world moved on from both of those too.

Personally, my own prediction is that the massive motoring juggernauts that are Top Gear and The Grand Tour won't be replaced by something equally big but several slicker, smaller shows, covering exactly what you want, when you want. Petrolhead paradise on demand.

My vote's with a show packed with old TVRs and Morgans.

I could be completely wrong of course.

Maybe no-one wants to buy a secondhand tent and, stuck with it, they'll have a rethink of the rethink…

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*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG**, 3,000 miles in Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH.....**£9,795**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG** 4,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic or lava red, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen - FSH.....**£9,595**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 66 REG** 5,000 miles in asteroid grey metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax.....**£8,995**

*** CORSA 1.4 SRi 5 DR 16 REG** just 3,000 miles in sapphire black metallic with black alloys, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, aircon, DAB radio, heated windscreen, cruise – FSH & £30 road tax, Jan MOT.....**£8,695**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 16 REG** from 12,000 miles in sovereign silver metallic or Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloy, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£8,550**

ZAFIRA TOURER

*** ZAFIRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 65 REG** 31,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist - FSH and 12 months MOT.....**£9,395**

MOKKA X

*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO DESIGN NAV AUTO 5 DR** 67 REG 4,000 miles in amber orange metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, IntelliLink, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist - FSH.....**£15,150**

*** MOKKA X 1.4 ACTIVE TURBO AUTO 5 DR 67 REG** 1,000 miles in velvet red metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist - FSH **£14,995**

*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE 5 DR 18 REG** 7,000 miles in coppertino metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate - FSH **£13,595**

*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE 5 DR 67 REG** 3,000 miles in summit white, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate, FSH.....**£12,795**

MOKKA

*** MOKKA 1.4 TURBO SE AUTO 5 DR 16 REG** 8,000 miles in burnt orange metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH and Jan MOT.....**£11,150**

*** MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in glacier white, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats & steering wheel, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys - FSH and Nov MOT **£9,650**

MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 15 REG 13,000 miles in Boracay blue metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH and 12 months MOT.....**£9,395**

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*** RANGE ROVER SPORT 3.0 SD V6 HSE AUTO 4x4 S/S 5 DR 63 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 58,000 miles in Firenze red metallic black leather with heated front & rear seats, memory drivers seat, Bluetooth, SAT NAV, 20" alloys front parking aid & rear view camera, climate, xenons, cruise, privacy glass, spare wheel local car with FSH at main dealers & ourselves, 12 months MOT **£28,595**

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*** VW TIGUAN 2.0 MATCH TDi DSG AUTO BLUEMOTION 4MOTION 15 REG** 30,000 miles in platinum metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, climate, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT.....**£13,150**

*** FORD FIESTA 1.0 TURBO ECOBOOST TITANIUM 100 5 DR 67 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, SAT NAV, heated windscreen, privacy glass - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty..**£12,650**

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*** PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE PREMIUM 82 5 DR 18 REG** 10,000 miles in nimbus grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear parking camera, panoramic roof, DAB radio, cruise, aircon – balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty **£9,995**

*** SKODA YETI 1.6 TDi OUTDOOR SE GREENLINE II 5 DR 15 REG** 26,000 miles in brilliant silver metallic, Bluetooth , rear park assist, alloys, cruise, aircon - FSH, 12 months MOT & £30 road tax.....**£9,995**

FORD MONDEO 1.6 TDCi TITANIUM X BUSINESS EDITION ESTATE 14 REG just 34,000 miles & spotless in blue metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise, front & rear park assist – FSH, April 2020 MOT & £20 road tax.....**£9,795**

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*** RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE NAV 75 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in titanium metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£9,595**

RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV AUTO 5 DR 64 REG 25,000 miles in grey with black roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, rear park assist, cruise - £20 road tax, November MOT, FSH **£9,495**

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*** NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 N-TEC+ DCi 5 DR 15 REG** 93,000 miles in ink blue metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, panoramic roof, privacy glass, front & rear park assist & parking camera, alloys, cruise, aircon – spotless with FSH at Nissan & £20 road tax .. **£8,495**

*** KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDi CONNECT (DIESEL) 5 DR 15 REG** 29,000 miles in inferno red, alloys, aircon, cruise, rear park assist, Bluetooth, DAB radio space saver spare wheel - FSH, 12 months MOT & balance of 7 yr Kia warranty.....**£7,895**

FORD FIESTA 1.0 ZETEC TURBO 5 DR 15 REG 35,000 miles in race red, alloys, Bluetooth – FSH & £0 road tax, Feb MOT.....**£7,295**

*** HYUNDAI iX20 1.4 ACTIVE 5 DR 15 REG** 12,000 miles in light blue metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, rear park assist - FSH & 12 months warranty - balance of 5 year Hyundai warranty **£7,150**

TOYOTA VERSO 2.0 TR D-4D 7 SEATER 5 DR 12 REG 62,000 miles in silver blue metallic, alloys – FSH and March MOT, sat nav, bluetooth - 2 family owners **£7,150**

SKODA OCTAVIA 1.6 S TDI ESTATE 5 DR 14 REG 87,000 miles in grey metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, DAB radio - £0 road tax, FSH & 12 months MOT - spotless. **£6,995**

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RENAULT CLIO 1.6 EXPRESSION AUTO 5 DR 58 REG 67,000 miles in black metallic – 12 months MOT.....**DUE IN £2,695**

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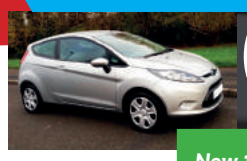

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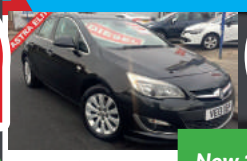

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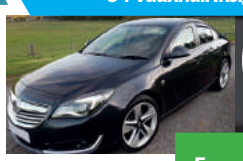

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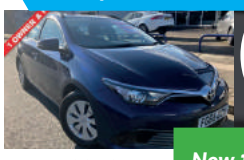

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- Privacy Glass
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Specification;
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Specification;
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- 1 Owner
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Specification;
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Specification;
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Specification;
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Burscough and Congleton players in action. Picture by Marc Taylor.

Linnets suffer narrow defeat in final home game of season

Burscough 0
Congleton Town 1

BURSCOUGH slumped to their third 1-0 defeat in four league games at Victoria Park after an ill-tempered contest saw both sides end the match with ten men.

A 37th minute goal was enough to give third in the North West Counties Premier Division table Congleton victory at Burscough's last home game of the season.

Congleton have a local connection in manager Brian Pritchard, who around a quarter of a century ago made his name on the local stage in the Ormskirk Sunday League for Coach & Horses.

The game was scrappy and the fluidity of play was not helped by a poor surface and it was Burscough who looked the most likely to get the early breakthrough, Jordan Lorde shooting wide before Chad Whyte had an attempt cleared off the Congleton goal-line.

The pattern was set, Burscough attacking and Congleton hitting them on the counterattack.

Halfway through the half Terry Cummings had a great opportunity for Burscough breaking clear when he was faced with away goalkeeper Rob Cooke but his finish was poor and the chance was gone.

Congleton lost forward Danny Cope on the half-hour but they had an experienced replacement in Steve Foster.

Foster announced his arrival in the action by setting up the only goal of the game on 37 minutes, presenting midfielder Dean Warburton with his eighth goal of the season. Warburton's quality finish giving Burscough goalkeeper Ben Fletcher no chance.

As the interval beckoned Burscough went onto the offensive again but Congleton held firm despite a couple of good deliveries into the penalty area.

In the opening period after the restart Danny Brady went close with a free-kick but generally defences were getting on top.

Play took on a nasty turn in the 54th minute. Will Doherty got into a tussle for the ball with Warburton and after what appeared to be an elbow, Doherty went to ground.

He rose to his feet and struck Warburton and there was then a coming together of players with both teams involved. After referee Alan Bennett had restored peace he showed Doherty and Warburton red cards and they will no doubt miss the start of next season due to suspension.

Congleton have conceded less goals than anyone else in the North West Counties Premier Division this season (33) and it was clear why as they made things very difficult for Burscough for the rest of the afternoon.

Billy Hasler-Cregg twice went near when Congleton broke as Burscough pressed forward, while for the Linnets Whyte was again frustrated.

In the last moments Burscough went desperately close to equalising, Brady went onto the attack and his shot cannoned off the post.

Although Burscough have lost a couple of games recently they have played well and have been a little unlucky to lose, this however wasn't one of them.

They have three games left, all away from home, all are winnable and nine points would give them a well deserved finishing spot in the top half of the table.

Skem battle bravely but come up short against play-off contenders

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

Skem and Colne players in action. Picture by Andy Taylor

Colne 1
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United could hold their heads up high despite a narrow defeart after competing well with promotion chasing Colne.

The fateful goal arrived with just 15 minutes left on the clock and it was a valiant effort by Paul McNally men in an against the odds situation.

Joel Douglas was one of three changes to the Skem team from Saturday's game against Market Drayton and he went close twice in the opening exchanges, once having a header saved by Colne's former Liverpool keeper Hakan Burton, then putting a shot wide.

Skelmersdale were having the better of it for a while and Burton again had to be sharp to thwart Liam Wood on 17 minutes. The hosts looked most threatening from wide positions and a series of crosses didn't get telling touches.

Skelmersdale then had a string of corners but down the other end their goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman was called into action saving at Simon Nangle's feet.

When the half-time whistle went Skelmersdale were at least good value for their share of the points with the score sheet blank.

Colne needed the points as much as Skelmersdale did and went onto the offensive after the break, Tommy Lent putting in a vital saving header for Skem before Reece Webb-Foster put a shot over the Skelmersdale crossbar.

Colne continued to press, but Ryan Kirkman was dealing well with the pressure and Skem held firm and might have scored themselves via Matt Corness.

When the Colne winner came 15 minutes from time there was an element of luck about it.

Initially a free-kick was only partially cleared and substitute Waqas Azam ran at the Skem defence before shooting, the ball deflected straight to Oliver Wood and the six foot plus centre-forward put it low into the Skem net.

Colne went for the second goal as Skelmersdale tired in the latter stages but again Kirkman was in top form.

If Skelmersdale were upset to lose having played so well, the situation was exacerbated in added time when forward John Keatley was sent off for a second yellow card.

McNally's side set to host league leaders

IT is bottom at home to top on Saturday at Volair Park Prescot, as Paul McNally's Skelmersdale United team take on Evo-Stik Division One West league leaders Atherton Collieries.

The Skem supporters will not be wanting a repeat performance, after the Colliers beat Skem 9-1 in the game at Alder Street in September.

Skelmersdale do need to win if they are to effectively avoid relegation on the day, they are six points behind the safety mark of Kendal Town with only three games left, but significantly are 26 goals behind on goal difference too.

Atherton will not be able to do Skem any favours either, although top, with Radcliffe snapping at their heels they must win to maintain their league title and promotion hopes.

Burscough take on bottom of the league on Saturday as they travel to play already relegated Abbey Hey, but they will need to go to East Manchester with their shooting boots.

Manager Terry Green has done a fine job of tightening the Linnets up at the back since his arrival in Autumn, but they are not scoring as many goals as they did and two in their last four games does require improvement.

It could be said that a game against a team that has conceded 107 goals already this season is a good place to get their shooting eye back in.

Skelmersdale also play at Volair Park again on Bank Holiday Monday when they are away to Prescot Cables, 3pm kick off.

It will be an interesting one for Skem fans as Prescot are managed by Tommy Lawson's long time assistant Brian Richardson, who has a number of former Skem players in his side, including Chris Almond, Aaron Turner and Valtar Fernandes.

Sadly it could also bring the curtain down on Skem's fight to stay up.

Burscough play on Wednesday, April 24 when they play away to Litherland Remyca, kick off 7.45pm.

Ormskirk open new league season with visit to Orrell Red Triangle

THE 2019 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition season gets underway this coming weekend with all our local sides in action across the Easter weekend, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

In the **Premier Divisio**n on Saturday, April 20 (1pm start), defending champions **Northern** play host to **Rainhill**, while **Bootle** travel over the water to **New Brighton** and **Ormskirk** go to **Orrell Red Triangle.**

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In the **Second Division, Maghull** start their campaign off with a home fixture against **Southport Trinity**, while **Burscough** play hosts to **St Helens Town** and **Hightown St Mary's** welcome **Parkfield Liscard** to Sandy Lane.

Meanwhile on Bank Holiday Monday, April 22 **Formby**, who have brought in Zimbabwean international Tatenda Taibu in a player/coaching role, will entertain newly promoted **Southport & Birkdale,** who will be boosted by experienced left handed batsman Will Affleck, signed from Sydney club Parramatta, at the Cricket Path (1pm start).

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